

Williamson House
Near Franklin Park

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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Williamson House
Near Franklin Park
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Owner: Fairland Management Corporation

Date of Erection: 1760-1770

Architect:

Builder: A member of the Williamson family, probably
William

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Judging from the construction and the hardware this house would appear to be over one hundred and fifty years old. We assume that it was built somewhere between the decade 1760-1770. At that time, as near as we can ascertain, the land was owned by William Williamson. He died sometime before 1789, for early in that year an application was made for a division of his estate. It was divided among his children, but apparently his son

Isaac acquired most of it, for when his executors transferred the property in 1837 to John W. Brunson it contained practically the same acreage as did the farm of William before division.

In 1852 it was again in the possession of a William A. Williamson; whether it had been sold out of the family in 1837 or to a son-in-law it is impossible to ascertain. It remained in the possession of the Williamsons until 1903 when Herman Woltman became the owner. It was from him that the present owner purchased in 1936. It is now used as an office of the Fairland Management Corporation who have turned the property into a memorial cemetery.

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